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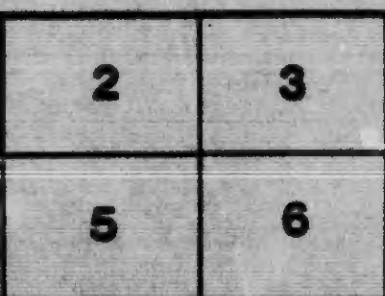
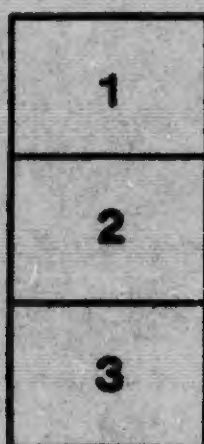
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Canadian Highway Association



W. J. KERR, PRESIDENT

Good Roads Everywhere

The Story of the Canadian Highway Association



The Canadian Highway Association was formed at a Good Roads convention held in New Westminster, B.C., on November 3 and 4, 1911.

Over a hundred delegates from all parts of Canada and the American Pacific coast were in attendance, including some of the most prominent advocates of good roads on this continent.

Hon. Thomas Taylor, Minister of Public Works for British Columbia, in the course of a speech replete with facts and figures bearing on roads improvement and extension, made the important announcement that Federal assistance towards the construction of main roads in British Columbia was assured. On behalf of the provincial government he promised a vigorous pursuance of the Better Roads policy, with which his name had been associated.

Membership dues were fixed at two dollars per annum, provision being made in the bylaws for a rate of one dollar per member for automobile clubs, boards of trade and like bodies, no association being called upon to pay more than \$500 in dues in any one year.

Resolutions calling for support towards the building of a Canadian Highway were forwarded to Halifax, N.S., Alberni, B.C., Hazelton, B.C., and Dawson, Yukon Territory. Other resolutions calling for Federal assistance were sent to Ottawa, while similar resolutions praying for Provincial assistance were telegraphed to Victoria.

In order to establish the Canadian Highway it is necessary that resolutions be drafted and sent to the different governments and municipalities through which this highway passes, supported by strong delegations.

It is our aim to have Good Roads associations established throughout Canada which will be affiliated with the Canadian Highway Association, so as to perfect the organization and complete the work at as early a date as possible.

As a national highway through Canada was part of the agreement at the time of confederation, but has never been carried out, we wish to prove to the Members of the Dominion Government that the people of Canada want this highway. By adding your name to the membership list you show your sympathy and interest in this great national movement.

The Membership Fee for this Association is \$2.00 per annum, but no limit is placed on your generosity.

Route Through British Columbia

W. W. Foster, Deputy Minister of Public Works, in a letter to President W. J. Kerr, outlines the following route as the most practicable for the construction of British Columbia's portion of the Canadian Highway: Alberni to Victoria, via Nanaimo; Vancouver, Westminster, Hope, Princeton, Rossland, thence to Trail, crossing the Columbia by the new bridge now in course of erection, and via Summit Creek, along the Old Dewdney Trail to Creston, thence following the main Trunk road into Alberta.

While this route cannot be considered final until all the reports from the surveyors and engineers have been submitted to the Department of Public Works, it is not likely that any important deviation will be made.

Aims and Objects of the Canadian Highway Association



To assist in having a Canadian Highway established from Alberni, B.C., to Halifax, N.S.; to endeavor to get the connecting links of this road constructed as soon as possible by the different governments and municipalities through which this road goes; to have the Canadian section of the Pacific Highway, which runs from Tia Juana, Mexico, to the Alaskan boundary line, completed; to promote good roads; to endeavor to have all public money expended on roads spent to better advantage; to show the members of parliament that the people want good permanent roads; to carry on a campaign of education in order to enlighten the governments and the people regarding the benefits to be derived from good roads; to co-operate with the different governments with a view to bettering the standard of roads for which Federal or Provincial grants are made; to capitalize our climate and scenery in building roads that will bring tourists here from all parts of the world.

Officers in the Association give their services and time free, and meet all traveling expenses.

Your subscription is used only to carry on the educational work. It is the intention to have this work extended from Alberni, B.C., to Halifax, N.S., as soon as funds are available.

The Canadian Highway Association is national in its scope, and is establishing branches in all parts of the Dominion. The intention is to hold the next Annual Convention in Winnipeg in 1912.

A request that the provincial government set a standard of road building in British Columbia, and that no grants be paid for work falling below this standard, met with unanimous support. Another important resolution was to the effect that the provincial government should employ road building experts and engineers, these to be at the disposal of municipalities and districts having no resident engineer. A course of lectures on Good Roads was suggested in another resolution.

Since the formation of the Canadian Highway Association the officers have been active in the discharge of their duties, and steady progress is being made towards the end in view—the building of a Canadian Transcontinental Highway. The cordial manner in which the representations of the association have been received, both at Ottawa and at Victoria, clearly show that the sympathy of the elected representatives of the people is with this movement. It only needs the strong support of the people to assure the carrying out of this great project.

The Governor-General's Views



His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, in his speech from the throne at the opening of the Canadian Parliament on Thursday, November 16, recognized the need of good roads in these words:

"THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING OUR COUNTRY WITH BETTER HIGHWAYS IS MANIFEST. A BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENABLING THE DOMINION TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE PROVINCES IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS DESIRABLE OBJECT."

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